

# ANNUAL REPORT

On Performance For Financial Year 2021-2022

# PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

RODRIGUES, OUTER ISLANDS AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY DIVISION

# **ABOUT THIS REPORT**

- The Annual Report 2021-2022 on Performance of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division of the Prime Minister's Office has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements of section 4B of the Finance and Audit Act.
- This Report provides information pertaining to this Office, its financial performance and achievements, the targets set out relative to the approved estimates as well as the strategic direction for the next three years.

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# PART



# MESSAGE FROM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

It gives me great pleasure to present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on Performance of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division of the Prime Minister's Office for the financial year 2021-2022.

The Report showcases the financial and non-financial performance of this Office, whilst highlighting the challenges faced and achievements made during the preceding financial year, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine war.

During that period, this Office has untiringly worked towards the timely implementation of its policies, programmes and projects within the resources allocated and in line with its strategic direction. This would not have been possible without the active participation and valuable contribution of all our staff and partners.

May I take this opportunity to put on record my appreciation for the deep commitment and hard work of all the staff of this Office throughout the year.

I am confident that with the continued support and determined efforts of one and all, we will forge ahead towards the achievement of our organisational goals and objectives.

Mrs B. Rajahbalee-Cader Permanent Secretary

09 December 2022



A secure, peaceful and integrated Republic of Mauritius with maritime zones and territorial integrity

# **OUR MISSION**

To provide efficient, effective and quality services for the safety and well-being of all the citizens of the Republic of Mauritius through:

- the reinforcement of national security and territorial integrity
- an evidence-based criminal justice system
- the management and rehabilitation of offenders
- the administration of maritime zones
- the sustainable development of Rodrigues and the Outer Islands
- the implementation of safe city cameras for a safer environment for its citizens

# **CORE VALUES**

**INTEGRITY** 

 Guided by the highest standards of professional ethics.

**QUALITY** 

 Strongly committed to providing the highest quality services to our customers.

**TIMELINESS** 

• Responsive and strive to meet set targets.

**TEAMWORK** 

• Teamwork is inherent in our culture.

**TRANSPARENCY** 

 Transparent in our activities with a view to enhancing discipline, responsibility and accountability.

CONFIDENTIALITY

• All personal information and documents are treated in strict confidentiality.

**EQUITY** 

 Honest, friendly and courteous and guided by the principle of fairness and social justice.

**TRUST** 

 Strongly committed in building trust within our organisation and among our stakeholders.

# **KEY LEGISLATIONS**

The following key legislations provide the legal framework for the activities of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division:

Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act

Reform Institutions Act

Transfer of Prisoners Act

Maritime Zones
Act

Outer Islands
Development
Corporation Act

Agalega Island Council Act 2004

DNA Identification Act Chagossian Welfare Fund Act

Children's Act

Community Service Order Act

Dangerous Drugs Act Probation of Offenders Act

National
Environment
Cleaning
Authority Act

Offshore Petroleum Act

# **ROLES AND FUNCTIONS**

- Adopt a zero-tolerance policy in the relentless fight against drug trafficking.
- Rehabilitate offenders for their re-integration in society.
- Effective resolution of criminal cases through scientific evidence using state-of-theart technology.
- Support the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to consolidate and accelerate the socioeconomic development of Rodrigues.
- Establish the institutional and legal framework for the early exploration and the sustainable exploitation of the natural resources in the maritime zonesof the Republic of Mauritius, as well as in the Mauritius/Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf in the Mascarene Plateau Region.
- Ensure territorial integrity through regional, international and institutional cooperation and collaboration.
- Facilitate the socio-economic development of the Outer Islands.
- Enhance national security and public safety with the assistance of Safe City systems

# OVERVIEW OF ORGANISATIONS/FUND/ACCOUNT

### Rodrigues Regional Assembly

The Rodrigues Regional Assembly was set up under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act and is empowered to make regulations pertaining to issues for which it has jurisdiction. The exercise of its functions is regarded as being conducted on behalf of the Republic of Mauritius.

It is the responsibility of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to formulate and/or implement policies in respect of areas falling under its purview.

The Commissioner responsible for finance, prepares and presents to the Regional Assembly annual draft budgetary estimates for the coming financial year. Once approved, these are considered by the Cabinet of Ministers before being incorporated in the National Appropriation Bill. The budgetary provision for the Rodrigues Regional Assembly features as a one-line all-comprehensive item in the National Budget.

The functions of the Regional Assembly are carried out by the Executive Council which comprises the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner and five Commissioners. The Commissioners have the responsibility of exercising general direction and control over the Departments falling under the purview of their respective Commission in line with the set policy.

As the Supervising Officer, the Island Chief Executive is vested with the responsibility for the efficient administration of all the functions of the Executive Council and the staff of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly operates under his administrative control.

### Outer Islands Development Corporation

The Outer Islands Development Corporation (OIDC), established under the OIDC Act, is responsible for the management and development of the Outer Islands, namely Agalega and Saint Brandon.

Since 1983, the OIDC has taken appropriate measures to promote the socioeconomic development of Agalega. It also provides decent accommodation, water, electricity and services such as health, education and travelling facilities to the employees and the residents of Agalega, including the personnel of Ministries/Departments on tour of service. It ensures a timely and adequate delivery of food supplies and other provisions to the inhabitants. The administration of the affairs of the Corporation is vested in the Outer Islands Development Board which is composed of:

- a Chairperson;
- a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of fisheries;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Outer Islands;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of public infrastructure;
- the Director of the Meteorological Services or his representative;
- the Director of Civil Aviation or his representative;
- > a person with experience in fishing activities;
- > a person with experience of work conditions on the Outer Islands; and
- a person with experience of the Outer Islands.

The General Manager is responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and for the control and management of the day-to-day business of the Corporation. The management and operations of OIDC are carried out at two different locations; namely in Mauritius where the Head Office is situated and in Agalega where mostly all the operational activities take place.

### Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

The mission of the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration (CSMZAE) is primarily to ensure the effective management of maritime zones and to delineate and establish maritime zones in accordance with the Maritime Zones Act and international laws and conventions.

The CSMZAE is also responsible for the formulation of policies in ocean affairs and for the establishment of legal and regulatory frameworks governing the sustainable management of the non-living resources in the maritime zones of Mauritius including hydrocarbon and mineral exploration and development.

The role of CSMZAE will be instrumental in the transformation of our economic development with the opening of a new ocean frontier.

The main objectives of the Department are, inter alia, to:

- ensure orderly, safe, rational management of non-living ocean resources including the seabed area and the underlying sub-soil;
- ascertain sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting our nonliving ocean resources;
- carry out the delimitation of our maritime boundary as provided for, under international conventions;
- develop regulatory and operational framework to enable exploration and exploitation activities in our maritime zones;
- regulate petroleum activities and oversee related upstream activities in the maritime zones of Mauritius;
- rationalise and harmonise all ocean-resources related matters;
- regulate Marine Scientific Research;
- contribute to energy security and maritime safety and surveillance;
- prepare the submissions for Extended Continental Shelf and a Marine Spatial Plan for the Republic of Mauritius; and
- contribute to the safeguard of our territorial integrity in carrying out Maritime Boundary Delimitation and ensuring through the establishment of appropriate legal frameworks, our sovereignty over Mauritius' vast maritime zones.

# • Forensic Science Laboratory

Set up in the 1950s, the Forensic Science Laboratory is the sole provider of forensic and advisory services to law enforcement agencies in Mauritius and is fast becoming an increasingly prominent forensic service provider in the region.

The Forensic Science Laboratory is accredited by the Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS) and meets all requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, thus demonstrating technical competence and operation of a laboratory Quality Management System (QMS). Experts from the Forensic Science Laboratory depone in all courts of law.

The Forensic Science Laboratory provides forensic examination and analysis in the following areas:

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Evidence Recovery and examination of biological materials
- DNA profiling
- Paternity Dispute
- Drugs and Toxicological analysis

- Ballistics/Physical Examination
- Fire and explosion investigation
- Document examination
- Accident investigation

#### Mauritius Prison Service

The Mauritius Prison Service (MPS) envisions a safer Mauritius through best correctional practices. It is mandated to serve society by keeping detainees in safe, humane custody and help their reintegration into society.

The main objectives of the MPS consist in monitoring all statutory to intramural sentences, providing a safe and healthy environment for the detainees that is conducive to their rehabilitation, spiritual enhancement and vocational training. The Department also aims to facilitate and safeguard ways and means for the detainees' contact with outside world.

The MPS consists of 12 penal institutions in Mauritius including the two Correctional Youth Centres and two prisons in Rodrigues (1 for Male and 1 for Female). The Commissioner of Prisons is responsible for the administration of these institutions as well as control and supervision of detainees. He is assisted by officers of the Prison Officer cadre, Hospital personnel, Welfare Officer cadre, General Service Staff, manual workers and other officers seconded from Ministries.

The prison population as at 30 June 2022 was 2421 detainees including 10 inmates from the CYC and 175 foreign detainees.

#### Probation and Aftercare Service

The Probation and Aftercare Service, as a social agency, is headed by the Commissioner. It provides timely and quality services to Courts, the Officeof the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney General's Office and to other agencies such as the National Adoption Council, the Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, the International Social Service amongst others through its 10 District Probation Offices. Its main objectives are to:

- assist Courts in the sentencing of offenders;
- rehabilitate offenders in community;
- > reduce crimes and enhance public protection;
- > assist families in conflict and safeguard the welfare of children; and
- > educate people on social problems through preventive work.

These objectives are achieved by:

- conducting social enquiries pertaining to civil and criminal matters referredby the courts and other institutions;
- supervising and rehabilitating offenders in the community throughProbation Orders and Community Service Orders;
- providing residential treatment to minors placed on probation or committed by Court;
- providing counselling service to families and children involved in situations of conflict:
- providing throughcare service to inmates of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and Probation Institutions;
- delivering preventive talks in schools, colleges and social welfare/community centres; and
- dispensing Pro-Social Skills Training Programmes for probationers in the three Attendance Centres.

The Probation and Aftercare Service is also responsible for the supervision and management of the two Probation Institutions for young offenders. These institutions accommodate minors in conflict with the law. However, they are subjected to a softer regime than that imposed on inmates of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and they are allowed to continue their studies in the normal stream. Each institution is managed by a Committee appointed by the Minister and receives an annual grant from Government to cover all expenses.

#### Rehabilitation Youth Centre

The Rehabilitation Youth Centre (RYC) established under the Reform Institutions Act, has as main objective the rehabilitation of juvenile. In this respect, the RYC caters for youngsters under the age of 18, who are the subject of a Committal Order from a Court. The rehabilitation of inmates is well oriented through education, vocational training, sports activities and life skills programme as well as continuous follow-up by psychologist for a well-balanced life.

The objectives are achieved by:

- The empowerment of residents through vocational training to enter the labor market; One boy and two girls were enrolled for Beachcomber academy training. They have completed six months training.
- Counselling sessions and psychosocial support from NGO'S.
- The participation of inmates in the National Exams Form 3.
- Continuous follow up by psychologist with inmates and their parents to sensitize them on the family values.

- Spiritual programmes
- Medical treatment

The RYC comprises separate sections for boys and girls offenders accommodated in two buildings on the same premise at Barkly, Beau Bassin. Each building can accommodate 44 inmates. Various academic, vocational, sports and artistic activities are carried out under the rehabilitation programmes, within and outside the RYC premises, for the welfare of the inmates. As at 30 June 2022, there were 05 girls and 03 boys admitted at the RYC.

The RYC is headed by a Superintendent for the day-to-day administration of both centres and is under the supervision of the Commissioner of Prisons.

#### National Drug Secretariat

The National Drug Secretariat (NDS), which falls under the aegis of this Office, was set up on 08 March 2019 as an apex body to:

- plan, coordinate, oversee, monitor and evaluate all drug control related policies, programmes and interventions to achieve greater coherence, results and impact;
- provide advice on the strategic vision and overall policy direction on all drug control related matters, ensures the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of programmes involving a large spectrum of key actors at national, regional and international levels. It also advocates and mobilizes the resources needed to achieve the goals and objectives set;
- look into the legal, institutional and administrative issues and to expedite the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Commission of Inquiry and to coordinate and monitor the response to the drug issue among the stakeholders involved in demand and supply reduction strategies; and
- implement the following 4 pillars of the National Drug Control Master Plan 2019-2023:
  - (i) Coordination mechanism, legislation, implementation framework, Monitoring and Evaluation and Strategic Information;
  - (ii) Drug Supply Reduction;
  - (iii) Drug Demand Reduction, namely drug use prevention, drug use disorders treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration; and
  - (iv) Harm Reduction.

#### **Coordinating Committees of the National Drug Secretariat**

As a coordinating body to ensure implementation of the National Drug Control Master Plan, the NDS has set up the following four sub-committees comprising of all stakeholders ranging from Ministries, Departments and Institutions as well as civil society organisations, namely:

- (i) Drug Prevention Committee;
- (ii) Harm Reduction Committee;
- (iii) Supply Reduction Committee; and
- (iv) Demand and Rehabilitation Committee.

#### The main objectives of the NDS are to:

- ensure the overall coordination of all drug control activities in Mauritius for greater collaboration and synergy among partners, with a view to achieve greater results and impact;
- (ii) advise the Government on the adoption of evidence-based drug policies, strategies and programmes;
- (iii) engage in advocacy to raise evidence-based public or population-specific awareness on the harmful consequences of drug use;
- (iv) promote collaboration between law enforcement agencies and financial regulatory bodies in order to share intelligence and achieve greater efficiencies in combatting drug trafficking and financial crimes;
- (v) promote regional and international cooperation to decrease drug trafficking in the region with bodies such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Southern Africa Development Community and the Indian Ocean Commission;
- (vi) ensure that demand reduction activities, namely the prevention of drug use, the treatment of drug use disorders and the rehabilitation of people who used drugs including those in prisons, are evidence-based and carried out in line with international standards and best practices;
- (vii) ensure that harm reduction activities aiming at reducing blood-borne infections and improving the quality of life of people who use drugs, and people who are in prisons are evidence-based and carried out in line with international standards and best practices; and
- (viii) develop the Implementation Framework and Monitoring Mechanism of the National Drug Control Master Plan and manage the National Drug Observatory in collaboration with Government. NGOs and other stakeholders.

#### Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit

The Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) was created in 1986 in the wake of the recommendations of the first Commission of Inquiry on Drugs (The Rault Commission) and it is the main branch of the Mauritius Police Force.

The aim of the Unit is to curb the drug scourge and keep it at bay so that the future generations live in a better environment. It operates on a partnership basis in extending cooperation and working closely with all concerned by this phenomenon. It depends a lot on contributions and support from the public at large.

The ADSU is responsible for combating illicit drugs in all its forms in mainland Mauritius and the outer islands. The main drugs of concern are cannabis, heroin and synthetic drugs. Of these, only cannabis is homegrown.

The ADSU operates within the parameters of the Dangerous Drugs Act and other related legislations. It also works closely with the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mauritius Revenue Authority Customs, the Financial Intelligent Unit and the Integrity Reporting Services Agency in the investigation of Money Laundering Offences.

Over the years and particularly since 2017, the operational capacity of the ADSU has been significantly increased by Government with a view to stepping up the fight against the drug scourge.

ADSU has been gradually shifting its focus on drug dealers and drug networks by way of enhancement of its intelligence gathering capacity and intensification of crackdown operations.

# Chagossian Welfare Fund

The Chagossian Welfare Fund Act provides for the establishment of a Chagossian Welfare Fund which has as main objective the enhancement of the social and economic welfare of members of the Chagossian Community in the Republic of Mauritius.

The Fund aims, inter alia, in:

- advancing and promoting the welfare of the members of Chagossian Community and their descendants in Mauritius;
- developing programmes and projects for the total integration of the members of Chagossian Community and their descendants into the Republic of Mauritius; and
- maintaining and managing the Chagossian Community Centres in Mauritius together with other community facilities vested in it for the benefit of members of the Chagossian Community and their descendants.

Since its inception, the Chagossian Welfare Fund has been administered by a Board which manages the affairs and assets of the Fund. The Chagossian Welfare Fund Board comprises the following:

- A Chairperson appointed by the Prime Minister;
- A Representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of family welfare;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of social security;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of youth; and
- > 7 Representatives of the Chagossian community, 2 of whom shall be children of members of the Chagossian community.

The Chagossian members are nominated following a formal election conducted by the Electoral Commissioner's Office. All members hold office for a period of two years. The 7 representatives of the Chagossian Community were last elected in January 2021 for a period of two years.

The Board meets at least once every month.

The Chagossian Welfare Fund operates a Head Office at Baie du Tombeau and two Community Centres as follows:

- Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre at Baie du Tombeau
- Marie Lisette Talate Chagossian Community Centre at Pointe-Aux-Sables

The operation of the Chagossian Welfare Fund is funded by the Government of Mauritius through the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division of the Prime Minister's Office.

Through the Fund, Government ensures the social development and integration of the Chagossian Community and their descendants within the Republic of Mauritius. These are achieved by organising the following activities:

- Residential Camp for Senior Citizens
- Prayers held in memory of deceased Chagossians
- Graduation Ceremony in respect of young graduates
- Distribution of food items to Senior Citizens
- Scholarships to eligible students

- Visit to Chagossians in Homes every 3 months and provision of fruits and clothes
- Funeral grants of Rs10,000 to families of deceased Chagossians and Rs 3000 to families of Chagossian descendents
- Provision of transport facilities to Chagossians to attend Hospitals
- Assistance to needy Chagossians for repair of their houses
- Wreath Laying Ceremony on 3rd November at Quay C, Mauritius Ports Authority
- Birthday celebrations for elders of the Chagossian Community
- Gifts to Chagossian residents in Home on the occasion of Christmas and New Year
- > Gifts to children on the occasion of Christmas

Facilities are also extended to Chagossians living in Agalega.

#### Agalega Island Council

The Agalega Island Council was established under the Agalega Island Council Act 2004 which was proclaimed on 19 April 2004.

The objectives of the Council are to:

- (i) advise the Minister on matters pertaining to development projects in Agalega;
- (ii) assist in the implementation of such projects as the Minister may refer to it;
- (iii) organise activities that may foster co-operation and social harmony among the inhabitants of Agalega; and
- (iv) consider grievances from the inhabitants of Agalega and assist in taking corrective measures as appropriate.

The Agalega Island Council comprises of the following:

- (i) A Chairperson, appointed by the Prime Minister;
- (ii) 3 residents of Agalega;
- (iii) A representative of the Outer Islands Development Corporation;
- (iv) A representative of the private sector;
- (v) A relative of the Agaleans living in Mauritius.

All members of the Council hold office for a period of one year and are eligible for re-appointment.

# **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

## (i) Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account is established under the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations which came into effect on01 July 2018.

#### **Objects of Rodrigues Subsidy Account**

The objects of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are to subsidise:

- all the costs involved in transporting, storing and distributing petroleum products (Mogas, Gas Oil, Dual Purpose Kerosene for domestic use and Liquefied Petroleum Gas of 5, 6, 12 kgs) ration rice and flour supplied by the State Trading Corporation, so that the retail prices in Rodrigues are kept at par with their respective retail prices prevailing in Mauritius; and
- such costs for the supply of bagged cement to Rodrigues as may be decided by the Government.

#### Committee

The Account is administered and managed by a Committee consisting of:

- the Accounting Officer responsible for Rodrigues or his representative, who shall be the Chairperson;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Rodrigues;
- > a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of commerce; and
- > a representative for the Ministry responsible for the subject of shipping.

#### **Sources of Funding**

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account is financed by proceeds from the levies incorporated in the price structure of Petroleum Products and Liquefied Petroleum Gas which are credited in the Rodrigues Subsidy Account created for that purpose, by the Accountant General.

### (ii) Central Probation Committee

The Central Probation Committee is appointed under Regulation 3 of the Probation of Offenders Regulations by the Minister responsible for the Reform Institutions.

The Committee supervises the work of Probation Officers and performs other duties in connection with the Probation of Offenders Act. Pertinent issues concerning the

Probation and Aftercare Service are raised, discussed and advice is sought. The Committee meets on a yearly basis.

#### (iii) District Probation Committees

District Probation Committees are appointed in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Probation of Offenders Regulations.

There are 10 District Probation Committees: 2 for Plaine Wilhems and 1 for each of the other 8 districts. The Committees are chaired by the respective Presiding Magistrate of the District Court and the Probation Officer of the respective Probation Office acts as Secretary. Each Committee also comprises 5 to 7 members who are representatives of the Ministry of Youth (Youth Centres), District Councils, religious bodies or social workers in the region appointed by the Minister.

The functions of the Committee are as follows: -

- (a) to receive and consider the written or oral report of the Probation Officer and any other communication found necessary;
- (b) to discuss with the Probation Officer the progress of each case under his supervision from time to time and extend such help and advice in carrying out his duties; and
- (c) to exercise a general supervision over the making and keeping of the Probation records.

### (iv) Probation Home and Probation Hostel

Section 2 of the Probation of Offenders Act defines institution in relation to a minor as:

- (a) the Probation Hostel for Boys;
- (b) the Probation Home for Girls;
- (c) any other institution run by the Mauritius Probation and Aftercare Service.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022, the Probation Hostel and Home (Amendment) Regulations 2021 came into effect and provide for only one Managing Committee for the Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls. The Managing Committee was constituted in January 2022.

The Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls are semi-open institutions and provide residential rehabilitation treatment for juvenile offenders on probation with a residence requirement [Section 4(5) of the Probation Offenders Act 1947 (Amended in 2009)] and children with serious behavioural concerns (Sections 41 and 42 of the Children's Act 2020). These juveniles are sent there, upon order of the Court, because the conditions prevailing in their homes are not favourable and conducive for their rehabilitation in the open.

The residents continue their normal schooling/vocational training/ apprenticeship in an institution near to the Home/Hostel. Furthermore, they also participate in indoor games, educational outings, pro-skills training programme conducted by the Probation and After Care Service and in activities organised by the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation.

#### (v) RYC Board of Visitors

As per section 53(3)(a) of the Reform Institutions Act, a Board assigned to Correctional Youth Centre or a Rehabilitation Youth Centre shall be composed of not less than 8 members.

The main functions of the Board of Visitors are to: -

- > enquire into the condition of detention of the detainee;
- hear any complaint which may be made by a detainee and, where the detainee so requests, hear the complaint privately; and
- inquire into and report to the Minister on:
- any abuse within an institution;
- > any repair which may be urgently required in an institution; and
- > any matter which it may consider expedient.
- The Board meets once every month.

# (vi) Training Committee

The Training Committee is chaired by a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprises of representatives of the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration, Probation and Aftercare Service, Rehabilitation Youth Centre and the Forensic Science Laboratory as well as heads of the Human Resources, Financial Operations, Procurement and Supply and a representative of the Civil Service College.

# (vii) Audit Committee

In line with Government decision to set up an Audit Committee within every Ministry/Department with a view to minimising the number of audit queries, an Audit Committee was set up at the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division).

The Audit Committee for the Financial Year 2021-2022 was reconstituted in June 2021 under the chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary and two officers in the grade of Assistant Permanent Secretary as members.

The Audit Committee examined the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Unit in its Reports for the Financial Year under review in respect of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, the Probation and Aftercare Service, the Procurement Section, the Rodrigues Subsidy Account, the Transport Section and the Division as well as the recommendations made by the Director of Audit in his Management letters. Actions were initiated as per the recommendations raised in these Reports.

Since its reconstitution, six meetings were held for the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

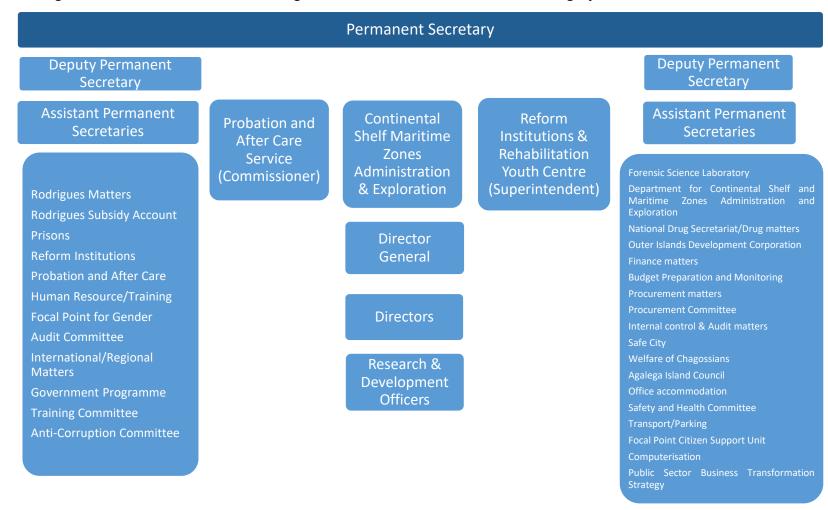
## (viii) Anti-Corruption Committee

In accordance with the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Framework, the Anti-Corruption Committee was set up under the Chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprising all Heads of Sections/Departments as members.

Two meetings of the Anti-Corruption Committee were held during the financial year 2021-2022.

# **ABOUT OUR PEOPLE**

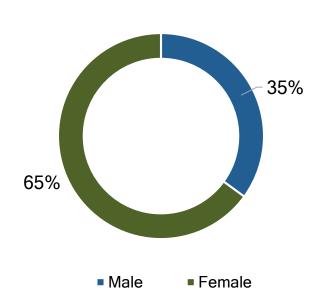
The organisational structure of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division is as follows:



# **GENDER REPARTITION**

S.N	Department	Male	Female	TOTAL
1	Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	23	49	72
2	Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administrationand Exploration	8	12	20
3	Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	50	97	147
4	Forensic Science Laboratory	26	38	64
	TOTAL	107	196	303

# **Gender Repartition**



Gender Repartition of the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division)

# **FUNDED POSTS**

# • Vote Item: 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
1	Permanent Secretary	1
2	Deputy Permanent Secretary	2
3	Assistant Permanent Secretary	3
4	Public Relations and Welfare Officer	1
5	Manager, Financial Operations	1
6	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	1
7	Principal Financial Operations Officer	1
8	Financial Officer/Senior Financial Officer	1
9	Assistant Financial Officer	3
10	Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1
11	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1
12	Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	2
13	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	1
14	Manager, Human Resources	1
15	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	1
16	Human Resource Executive	2
17	Office Management Executive	2
18	Office Management Assistant	6
19	Management Support Officer	15
20	Confidential Secretary	5
21	Word Processing Operator	4
22	Clerk (Personal)	1
23	Driver	8
24	Head Office Auxiliary	1
25	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	5
26	Resident Caretaker	1
27	Store Attendant	1
28	General Worker	1
	TOTAL	73

# • Vote Item: 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED	
	Probation and Aftercare Service		
1	Commissioner of Probation and After Care	1	
2	Deputy Commissioner of Probation and After Care	1	
3	Assistant Commissioner of Probation and After Care	3	
4	Principal Probation Officer	14	
5	Senior Probation Officer	20	
6	Probation Officer	33	
7	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	2	
8	Assistant Permanent Secretary	1	
9	Office Management Executive	1	
10	Office Management Assistant	3	
11	Management Support Officer	12	
12	Confidential Secretary	1	
13	Word Processing Operator	3	
14	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	7	
15	General Worker	8	
	Rehabilitation Youth Centre		
16	Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1	
17	Assistant Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	-	
18	Woman Assistant Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1	
19	Welfare Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre (Male)	-	
20	Welfare Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre (Female)	-	
21	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	1	
22	Chief Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2	
23	Principal Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	5	
24	Senior Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	8	
25	Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	9	
26	Trainee Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	5	
27	Chief Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1	
28	Principal Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2	
29	Senior Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	4	
30	Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	8	
31	Trainee Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	4	
32	Handy Worker ( <i>New</i> )	-	
33	Security Guard	1	
	TOTAL	162	

# • Vote Item: 2-8 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
1	Director-General	1
2	Director	4
3	Research Development Officer/Senior Research Development Officer	8
4	Management Support Officer	2
5	Confidential Secretary	3
6	Word Processing Operator	1
7	Office Auxiliary/ Senior Office Auxiliary	2
	TOTAL	21

# • Vote Item: 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
1	Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	1
2	Deputy Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	-
3	Chief Forensic Scientist	2
4	Forensic Scientist/ Senior Forensic Scientist	22
5	Chief Forensic Technologist	1
6	Principal Forensic Technologist	3
7	Forensic Technologist/ Senior Forensic Technologist	12
8	Forensic Support Officer	4
9	Principal Procurement and Supply Officer	1
10	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	1
11	Human Resource Executive	1
12	Office Management Executive	1
13	Management Support Officer	3
14	Confidential Secretary	1
15	Receptionist/ Telephone Operator	1
16	Senior Forensic Laboratory Auxiliary	1
17	Forensic Laboratory Auxiliary	7
18	Driver	1
19	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	2
20	Handy Worker	1
	TOTAL	66

# • Summary on the Number of Funded Posts as at 30 June 2022

S.N	VOTE ITEM	TOTAL
1	2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	73
2	2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	162
3	2-8 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	21
4	2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory	66
	TOTAL	322

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# MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022

### Delivery of e-Services

#### **E-Procurement System**

For the financial year 2021-2022, the Procurement Section catered for the following sections:

- Continental Shelf, Maritimes Zones Administration and Exploration;
- Probation Office:
- Rehabilitation Youth Centre:
- Rodrigues Division; and
- National Drugs Secretariat.

In line with Government's Plan towards a full-fledged digital society acquiring increased use of ICT in public administration, this Ministry embarked on the e-Procurement System since 14 February 2019.

The e-Procurement system, a web-based application hosted by the Government Online Centre enables public bodies and suppliers to electronically conduct public procurement proceedings and enhancing the principles of competition, integrity, transparency and accountability while at the same time keeping the benefits of efficiency, effectiveness, reduction in delays and costs.

Seventy-seven bids were launched under the e-Procurement system as at 30 June 2022.

#### **Electronic Inventory Management System (e-IMS)**

The Electronic Inventory Management System is a web-based integrated system hosted at the Government Online Centre and can be accessed through the Government Intranet System.

The e-IMS is meant to replace the current paper-based manual system of recording warehouse operations. All movements of stock, i.e. receipts and issues, warehousing operations and stock management is performed electronically by using the barcode technology.

The objectives of the e-IMS are to:

(i) raise the level of efficiency in managing inventory.

- (ii) enable online processing of inventory management transactions
- (iii) enable real time capture of transactions data using bar code technology
- (iv) pave the way forward towards the envisioned Integrated Payment System.

The e-IMS has been implemented since 03 July 2018.

For the financial year 2021-2022:

- (i) 332 Goods Form 1 were issued;
- (ii) 773 Goods Form 5 have been processed; and
- (iii) 8304 units of goods were issued.

#### Rodrigues

- For the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, funds amounting to Rs 6,569,860 were disbursed under the Special Rodrigues Holiday Package and Rs 6,119,604 (excluding charter cost) under the Subsidy on Airfare from Rodrigues.
- It is a fact that COVID-19 has had a negative impact on the economy of Rodrigues. With the resurgence of cases of COVID-19 in Mauritius as from Friday 05 March 2021, Government had taken the decision to suspend all flights to Rodrigues as from Sunday 07 March 2021 so as to keep the island free from COVID-19. Government had also been very sensitive to the stranded Rodriguans in Mauritius due to the suspension of flights to Rodrigues. To that effect, financial assistance was provided to all those residents of Rodrigues who were stranded in Mauritius and who were in dire need. Accordingly, around Rs 2,100,000 had been disbursed by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to 210 heads of households.

Moreover, pending the resumption of commercial flights, 19 repatriation flights to Rodrigues had been effected and around 1175 passengers stranded in Mauritius, had been repatriated for period 01 July to 24 December 2021. Accordingly, charter cost amounting to Rs 3,550,464 representing claims for repatriation flights was disbursed from the funds allocated for the subsidy on Airfare from Rodrigues

With a view to combatting the virus and putting the economy of Rodrigues back on track, the Ministry of Health and Wellness had several visits to the island to provide further technical assistance to the medical team regarding the implementation of treatment protocols and contingency planning.

Four new students (three Males and one female) were accommodated at the Government Quarters M2 at Floreal.

One patient along with his caregiver were accommodated at the Government Quarters No 15 Britannia Park at Vacoas.

#### Mauritius Prison Service

On 25 June 2021, Government approved the transfer of convicted foreign prisoners after they would have served only one third of their sentence in Mauritius. Formerly convicted foreign prisoners could be transferred after having served two third of their sentence.

The relevant regulations were promulgated and became effective as from 01 August 2021.

#### Outer Islands Development Corporation

- > Two boom lifts were purchased and shipped to Agalega for plucking of coconuts.
- There had been a substantial increase in the revenue generated from the sale of coconut oil.
- Two backhoe loaders were procured under the Economic Recovery Programme for clearing of coconut fields, excavation and carting away of heavy materials.
- Four voyages were effected by M/v Trochetia for shipment of food items and other commodities in September 2021, December 2021, March 2022 and June 2022 respectively.
- A revised COVID-19 sanitary protocol was implemented for Agalega and St Brandon.
- The strict compliance of the sanitary protocol prevented the introduction of COVID-19 in the Outer Islands in Financial Year 2021-2022.
- Community development programmes were implemented through sensitization talks against high consumption of alcoholic drinks and blackmarket practices, awareness campaign on human rights and safety awareness at schools and in the community by the Police, the National Coast Guard and the Fire Services

# Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

- Officers of the technical cadre attended an online Marine Scientific Research Information Series for Africa: Deep-sea Mineral Resources and Technologies on 16 September 2021.
- Officers of the technical cadre attended the online training on implementing ArcGIS Pro, a geographic information system, from 04-06 October 2021.

- ➤ 62 participants including 12 officers of the Department participated to the UNDP-Joint Management Area (JMA) Demonstration Project online Workshop on "Law of the Sea and related Legal Aspects" 7, 8, 11, 12 October 2021.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended an International Seabed Authority (ISA) – BGR training at sea (Indian Ocean) from 08- 31 October 2021.
- ➤ Officers of the technical cadre participated in a virtual international workshop on Application of Ocean Science and Technology for the Practice of Sustainable "Blue Economy" in Developing Countries from 08-09 November 2021.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended the online IOC/OTGA RTC KMFRI: Fundamentals of Ocean Floor Mapping training by IOC-UNESCO from 29 November to 17 December 2021.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended a training on Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) organized on 21 & 22 March 2022 by Civil Service College, in collaboration with EDB and delivered by the OECD.
- ➤ 1 officer of the technical cadre attended an ISA post-cruise training at BGR in Germany from 25 April 2022 to 25 May 2022.
- Officers of the technical cadre attended the first ISA-China JTRC training online workshop on mineral resources, environmental management and data from 24-26 May 2022.

#### Joint Management Area

Scientific Publication - Christian Betzler, Sebastian Lindhorst, Thomas Lüdmann, John J. Reijmer, Juan-Carlos Braga, Or M. Bialik, Jesus Reolid, Jan Oliver Eisermann, Kay Emeis, Tim Rixen and Dass Bissessur (2021). Current and sea level control the demise of shallow carbonate production on a tropical bank (Saya de Malha Bank, Indian Ocean), Journal: Geology. The Geological Society of America.

#### Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

- Maritime Zones (Territorial Sea Outer Limit Lines) Regulations 2021 promulgated on 29 July 2021
- Scientific Expedition of Blenheim Reef on the Chagos Archipelago from 08 - 22 Feb 2022
- Preparation of Maps & Presentation for Mauritius (Chagos Archipelago)/Maldives case at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
- Assist in the elaboration of memorial for Mauritius versus Maldives- case at ITLOS

#### Extended Continental Shelf

Submission by the Republic of Mauritius to the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf concerning the Northern Chagos Archipelago Region-23,400 sq km2 of seabed and sub-soil

#### Mauritius Ocean Observatory E-platform (E- platform)

Presentation at the OCEANS 2022 Chennai Conference in February 2022: Munnaroo, S., Runghen, H., Mamode, S.A.H., Badal, R., Damry, K., 2022. Mauritius Ocean Observatory E-platform - the Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Republic of Mauritius, in: OCEANS 2022 - Chennai. Presented at the OCEANS 2022 - Chennai, pp. 1–5. https://doi.org/10.1109/OCEANSChennai45887.2022.9775384

#### Oil Spill Modelling

Prepared and submitted satellite imagery forecast with regard to surface current velocity and sea surface height for drifting vessel MT Ore Shandong in the St Brandon region, March 2022

#### Mauritius Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) project

- Carried out an in-house training for the Deep Trekker Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) 12,17,19 and 24 August 2021
- Organised a training workshop on 'Underwater Cultural Heritage Database of Shipwrecks and Underwater Survey' from 24 to 26 November 2021
- Guided visit at the National History Museum of Mahebourg Raising awareness on the importance of Underwater Cultural Heritage on Friday 10 December 2021
- Presentation at the OCEANS 2022 Chennai Conference in February 2022: Mamode, S.A.H., Runghen, H., Munnaroo, S., Bissessur, D., Coopen, P., von Arnim, Y., Manfio, S., Seetah, K., Motah, B.A., Badal, R., 2022. Mapping of Underwater Cultural Heritage: The Geophysical Survey and Data Management of HMS Sirius Shipwreck, in: OCEANS 2022 Chennai. Presented at the OCEANS 2022 Chennai, pp.1-7. https://doi.org/10.1109/OCEANSChennai45887.2022.9775266

### Marine Protected Area (MPA) in the region of Chagos Archipelago

Data compilation and analysis for creation of the Chagos Archipelago Marine Protected Area.

#### Marine Scientific Research

Processed and delivered 11 authorisations for conduct of Marine Scientific Research (MSR) in the maritime zones of Mauritius. The intended research covered a wide spectrum such as coral studies, fisheries, marine mammals, physical and chemical oceanography, marine sedimentology/geology and geophysics, and hydrothermal vents.

#### Enactment of Offshore Petroleum Bill

Promulgation of the Offshore Petroleum Act 2021 on 14 December 2021.

#### National Environment Cleaning Authority

The establishment of the National Environment Cleaning Authority (NECA) was announced in Budget Speech 2021/2022 with a seed funding of Rs100M.

The National Environment Cleaning Authority Act 2022 was passed in the National Assembly and assented on 26 May 2022.

The Authority is responsible for:

- the development of a National Cleaning and Embellishment Strategy with an Action Plan to embellish Mauritius and keep Mauritius clean, in consultation with relevant Ministries and other stakeholders;
- identifying and prioritising, in collaboration with relevant Ministries and other stakeholders, the sites to be kept clean and embellished; and
- > coordinating, monitoring and supervising the implementation of cleaning and embellishment programmes.

### Forensic Science Laboratory

- Setting up of a dedicated Drugs Unit since September 2021, in line with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking.
- Tender for construction of Forensic Science Laboratory was launched in March 2022.
- Conduct of Forensic Disciplines Exchange Programme in collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America in May 2022.
- Forensic Science Laboratory Case Statistics (July 2021- June 2022):
  - (i) 7,507 cases submitted generating 12,745 exhibits for analysis.
  - (ii) 532 scenes of crime (outdoor cases) were attended by Forensic Science Laboratory staff.

### Probation and Aftercare Service

### (i) Social Enquiry

2971 social enquiries were conducted by the Probation and Aftercare Service and reports were submitted to various agencies including the Courts for necessary action.

### (ii) Supervision and Aftercare

A total number of 1073 offenders were under supervision, including 223 Probationers and 689 Community Service Workers.

### (iii) Institutional Care

The Probation and Aftercare Service has under its responsibility two semiopen institutions, namely the Probation Hostel for Boys and Probation Home for Girls. They provide residential rehabilitation treatment for minors whose home conditions are detrimental to their proper character formation and social functioning, hence necessitating their placement in a more favourable milieu.

Two boys and five girls were rehabilitated in the Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls. They were also followed by regional Probation Officers under the through care system.

### (iv) Counselling

The Service attended to 1575 counselling cases in connection with problems often related to a wide variety of family issues. These may include cases of alimony, child custody, battered women, premarital difficulties, drug addiction, unruly children as well as neighbour disputes. Probation Officers may even refer some specific cases to the Magistrate sitting in Chambers for further counselling and dispute resolution.

### (v) Attendance Centre

As a requirement of their Probation Order, some 39 probationers have been trained in the three Attendance Centres located at Beau-Bassin, Pamplemousses and Curepipe.

### (vi) Throughcare

Throughcare is a service which acts as an essential link between an offender and his family so as to facilitate his rehabilitation. A total number of 17 offenders (9 boys and 8 girls) of the RYC were attended to. Additionally, 7 minors of the Probation Institutions were provided throughcare by Probation Officers.

### (vii) Preventive Work

5 preventive talks were delivered in schools, colleges, community centres and social welfare centres on juvenile delinquency, criminality and other social problems.

### (viii) Amendment to the Probation Hostel and Home Regulations

The Probation Hostel and Home Regulations were amended in 2021 to provide for only one Managing Committee for the Probation Hostel for Boys and for the Probation Home for Girls. The Probation Hostel and Home (Amendment) Regulations came into operation on 1 January 2022.

### Rehabilitation Youth Centre

- 4 boys and 8 girls of the RYC participated in therapeutic programmes with the occupational therapist and with psychologist.
- All the 12 inmates participated in therapeutic program at Jardin de la Paix, Calodyne. Singing Bowl Therapy, Imagery Therapy, Story Telling Therapy, Massage Therapy, Zumba, Singing and Dancing Therapy.
- They also participated in workshop with the Office of the Ombudsperson on bullying, rights of the children and responsibilities at Hotel Le Voila.
- 2 girls and 1 boy were enrolled at Beachcomber Academy for 6 months after which they were rewarded with certificate in hotel job.
- Activities like drama, sports, (indoor and outdoor games), music, agriculture, home economics class, handicraft, beauty care, hairdressing were organised for the benefit of inmates.
- Certificates were awarded to 5 girls on completion of Hairdressing and Beauty care Course and handicraft course respectively.
- Participation of inmates (1 boy and 4 girls) in National Sketch Competition organized by Ministry of Arts and Culture. They reached the semi final level. One girl was rewarded with a special for her talent with a shield and cash price of Rs 5,000.
- 5 girls are enrolled on floral arrangement and vegetarian cooking course at Women Centre.

### National Drug Secretariat

### National Survey among People Who Use Drugs 2021

A national survey among people who use illicit non-injection drugs was conducted by the NDS in September and October 2021 in collaboration with

the Ministry of Health and Wellness and with the technical support of the United Nations agencies.

The objective of the survey was to gather comprehensive information including the socio-demographic characteristics of drug users, their living conditions, their employment status, age of onset of drug use, frequency and patterns of use and extent of drug use that would guide our national drug response and enable the Government as well as Programme Managers to plan and implement drug policies and programmes on evidence-based information and statistically sound data.

The Report of the survey was officially launched by the Hon. Prime Minister in February 2022 and the findings were thereafter disseminated to all stakeholders.

### Implementation of commission of Inquiry report on drug trafficking

The NDS monitors the implementation of the recommendations made by the Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking. There are 328 recommendations for Mauritius and 62 for Rodrigues. As at 30 June 2022, 74 % of the 390 recommendations had been implemented. The detailed status of the implementation of the recommendations was as follows:

- (i) 258 had already been implemented or had adequate measures in place;
- (ii) 78 recommendations had already been initiated;
- (iii) 23 which may require legislative amendments are under consideration at the level of different Ministries and Departments; and
- (iv) 31 were reported not feasible by the different Ministries and Departments concerned.

### > National Drug Observatory (NDO) Report 2020

The NDO Report is an annual publication issued by the NDS. The Report for the year 2020 which was published in December 2021, covers all drug control measures and activities related to drug trafficking implemented by the law enforcement agencies, the Judiciary and the prisons. The Report also provides an insight on the demand reduction measures through the health-related responses, encompassing prevention, treatment and rehabilitation activities conducted by the Ministry of Health and Wellness as well as the NGOS.

### > Thematic programmes on MBC/TV (En Etat D'alert)

10 short video clips on drug prevention were produced and broadcasted on the different TV channels, involving local sportspersons and artists, among others, to convey healthy lifestyle messages to the population.

A series of 24 thematic programmes on different aspects of the drug issue encompassing supply as well as demand strategies have been broadcasted in creole and in Bhojpuri on alternate Tuesdays on MBCTV in 2020 and 2021.

### Capacity building

During the financial year 2021-2022, six (6) capacity building workshops on the drug issue were held in March and June 2022.

### Programmes against substance abuse targeting youth and student population

To commemorate the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a series of events were organised in June 2022 in order to sensitise and educate young people on the ill effects of substance abuse. Events were organised at the University of Mauritius, University of Technology and at Pointe Jerome Recreational Centre in collaboration with various Ministries.

### Drug Offenders Administrative Panel (DOAP)

The proposal for the setting up of the DOAP, one of the recommendations made in the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking, which is being monitored by the NDS, was extensively discussed at the meetings of the High-Level Drugs and HIV Council chaired by the Hon. Prime Minister and by a Committee chaired by the Attorney General to consider its legal implications as well as its impact on the related social and health services.

In January 2022, Government agreed to the setting up of the DOAP to be implemented by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

### Visits to Rodrigues

A delegation from the National Drug Secretariat proceeded to Rodrigues from 23 to 26 May 2022 to:

- (i) expedite the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Report 2018 on Drug Trafficking.
- (ii) hold consultations over three days with the different departments and institutions concerned with implementation of recommendations of commission of Inquiry on drug trafficking and conducted meeting with stakeholders including NGOs and civil society with regard to consumption of illicit substances in Rodrigues.
- (iii) take stock of the measures in place to deal with consumption of illicit substances in terms of treatment and rehabilitation programmes.
- (iv) take cognizance of the drug prevention programmes being implemented in Rodrigues.

(v) discuss with the authorities on the possibility of conducting a survey on consumption of illicit substances in Rodrigues.

### Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit

### ➤ Weight and value of drugs secured during financial year 2021/2022

Drugs secured	Amount (Approx.)	Value (Rounded Approx. figure)
Cannabis	216 kg 054.020 gms	Rs 129,632,412/-
Heroin	44 kgs 337.739 gms	Rs 665,066,085/-
Synthetic Cannabinoids	7 kgs 822.140 gms	Rs 11,733,210/-
Synthetic Cannabinoids (Import)	2 kgs100.000 gms	Rs 31,500,000/-
Cocaine	52.400 gms	Rs 786,000/-
Cannabis Resin (Hashish)	15 kgs 702.250 gms	Rs 47,106,750/-
Sedatives/Tranquillizers	305843 Tablets	Rs 45,876,450
Methamphetamine	308.900 gms	Rs 4,633,500
Ecstasy	10 Tablets	Rs 15,000

### Sensitization and Awareness campaigns by ADSU

207 sensitisation and awareness programmes had been carried out with 14,204 different stakeholders including educational institutions, youth and the general public.

### • Chagossian Welfare Fund

The following activities were carried out by the Chagossian Welfare Fund during the financial year 2021/2022:

- Award of scholarship to 17 Students on 10 July 2021.
- Distribution of school materials to primary school students on 04 September 2021.
- Organisation of a Recreational Day on 03 October 2021 at the Chagossian Community Centre at Baie du Tombeau for the residents of the locality.
- Distribution of clothes to elderly Senior Citizens of the Chagossian Community in Homes on 16 December 2021.

- Distribution of food items to 250 Senior Citizens of the Chagossian Community on 18 December 2021.
- Provision of a mattress to one Centenarian Chagossian, late Mrs Olivia Lernette on 24 December 2021.
- Financial assistance of Rs 3000 to one needy student under the "Chagossian in Distress" on 06 April 2022 for educational purposes.
- Visit to Homes and distribution of foodstuffs to 78 Bedriddens of the Chagossian Community on 21 and 23 April 2022.
- Award of scholarship to 20 students of secondary and tertiary level (Mauritius and Agalega) on 30 April 2022.
- Visit to bedridden chagossians and distribution of foodstuffs on 19 May 2022
- Distribution of blankets to Chagossian natives (Mauritius 291) and (Agalega - 9) in the context of Family Day and Mother's Day on 28 May 2022.
- Payment of Funeral Grant to 10 families of deceased Chagossians during last financial year.
- Provision of transport facilities, as and when required, to Chagossians who have appointments at Hospitals.
- Zumba morning and evening classes for women at the Marie Charlesia Alex Community Centre at Baie Du Tombeau.

### **Boards and Committees**

Rodrigues Subsidy Account Management Committee

**Sittings of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account Management Committee** 

For the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, the Committee held 12 sittings.

### Total amount disbursed for the payment of Subsidy

For the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, subsidies amounting to Rs 173.5 million under the Rodrigues Subsidy Account were provided to maintain the prices of petroleum products, rice, flour and cement in Rodrigues at par with those prevailing in Mauritius.

### Audit Report for the Financial Statements 2022

The Director of Audit has submitted a clear certificate for the Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for the year ended 30 June 2021. A copy is at **Annex**.

### Promulgation of the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

- On 24 September 2021, the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 was promulgated to provide for the financial statements to be prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), effective as from 01 July 2020.
- On 15 April 2022, the Regulation was amended to provide for the transfer, at any time during a financial year, with the approval of the Minister, any surplus money of the Fund to the Consolidated Fund.

Subsequently, an amount of Rs 350M was transferred to the Consolidated Funds on 09 June 2022.

### Promulgation of the Public Procurement (Amendment) Regulations 2022

On 26 May 2022, the First Schedule of the Public Procurement Regulations 2008 was amended to exempt the Ministry responsible for Rodrigues from the application of the Public Procurement Act for the procurement of service providers by the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for the transportation, storage and distribution of petroleum products only, namely MOGAS, Gas oil, Dual-Purpose Kerosene (DPK) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) of 5, 6 and 12 Kgs, for domestic use, from the island of Mauritius to the island of Rodrigues and back.

### Anti-Corruption Committee

The adoption of an anti-corruption policy on 21 January 2021. This Policy sets out the full commitment of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division for the deterrence and detection of corruption and for adherence to a culture of integrity was formulated and has been published on its website on 27 January 2021.

The proposed measures of the two Corruption Risk Assessments (CRAs) on the 'Procurement Section' and on the 'Use of Public Vehicles' are being implemented.

The Outer Islands Development Corporation has set up an Anti-Corruption Committee and has carried out two CRAs on the 'Procurement Section' and on the 'Recruitment of Staff'. The exercises are being finalized with the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

### Training Committee

During the year under review, the Committee had one sitting and considered training requirements of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division.

### **List of Training Courses or Workshops**

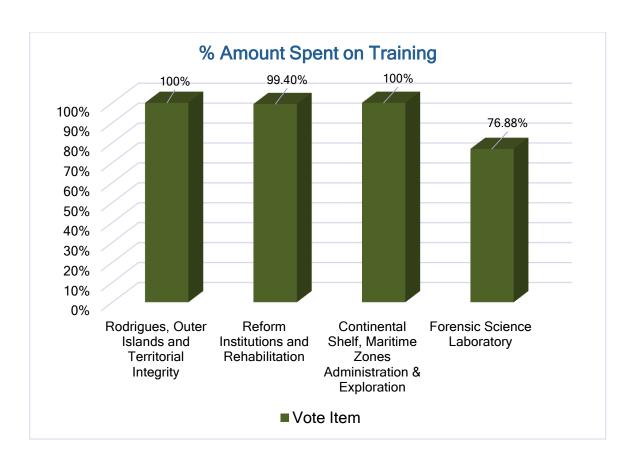
(CAPACITY BUILDING) ATTENDED BY EMPLOYEES

➤ 135 officers (30 Male and 105 Female) had followed courses in different fields at the Civil Service College, Mauritius and other Organisations as follows:

S/N	Number of Officers	Cadre
1	4	Human Resources
2	2	Administrative
3	3	Procurement and Supply
4	11	Workmen's Group
5	4	Technical
6	48	General Services
7	16	Probation

Moreover, Customized Courses have been mounted with the collaboration of the Civil Service College, Mauritius for the Probation and Aftercare Service and the Rehabilitation Youth Centre as follows:

- 15 officers of the RYC had followed Course on Anger Management conducted by the Civil Service College in the Conference Room at the Probation and Aftercare Service Headquarters Beau Bassin and an amount of Rs 35,000 had been disbursed for the Course.
- 32 officers of the Probation Cadre had followed Course on Child and Family Law conducted by the Civil Service College in the Conference Room at the Probation and Aftercare Service Headquarters Beau Bassin and an amount of Rs 30,000 had been disbursed for the Course.
- The Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for Capacity Building and Capacity Development of this Office was 91.10 % for the Financial Year 2021/2022.



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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As per the Budget Estimates, the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) has 5 Votes under its control as follows:

- Vote 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity.
- Vote 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation.
- Vote 2-8 Continental Shelf Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration.
- Vote 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory.
- Vote 2-10 Prison Service.

As such, appropriation of funds by the National Assembly is made through the Votes.

### **ANALYSIS OF MAJOR CHANGES**

### Expenditure

Under the Vote 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity, expenditure has been incurred under Grants which are provided as Current and Capital to other General Government Units for Rodrigues for Regional Assembly, which are as follows:

- (a) Recurrent Grant (including virement) Rs 3,865,800,000 (representing 108%)
- (b) Capital Grant Rs 865,000,000 (representing 72%)

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

### Revenue

Revenue Collection in respect of Votes 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9 is nil.

### • Expenditures

Expenditures in respect of Vote 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9 for the Financial Year 2021-2022 are as follow:

Statement of Expenditure - Vote 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9			
Head/Sub Head of Expenditure	2021/2022	2021/2022	
	Estimates-Rs	Actual-Rs	
Vote 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	4,745,000,000	4,716,371,172	
Compensation of Employees	36,034,000	37,986,256	
Goods and Services	12,166,000	9,381,983	
Subsidies	91,000,000	16,239,927	
Grants	4,605,800,000	4,652,763,007	
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	-	-	
Vote 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	108,000,000	89,572,688	
Compensation of Employees	72,000,000	75,252,733	
Goods and Services	13,500,000	9,822,433	
Other Expenses	10,000,000	3,000,000	
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	12,500,000	1,497,522	
Vote 2-8 Continental Shelf Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	25,300,000	21,199,821	
Compensation of Employees	13,300,000	14,329,388	
Goods and Services	10,000,000	6,654,417	
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	2,000,000	216,016	
Vote 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory	255,000,000	160,096,504	
Compensation of Employees	34,350,000	38,169,849.42	
Goods and Services	68,150,000	64,095,990.22	
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	152,500,000	57,830,664.20	
Total Expenditures for Votes 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9	5,133,300,000	4,987,240,185	

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### **MAJOR CHALLENGES**

- COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on repatriation of Rodriguans and Agaleans as well as containing COVID-19 pandemic within the Reforms Institutions.
- Lack of resources, including human, to deal with new challenges.
- Rise in the scourge of synthetic drugs.
- Acquisition of state-of-the-art technology to survey the vast extent of the Maritime zones and for maritime security.
- Climate Change Impacts and adaptation in ascertaining sustainable exploration and exploitation of marine non-living resources.
- Increase in number of detainees who are drug addicts.
- The need to adapt rehabilitation programmes to cater for an increasing number of young offenders and children with serious behavioural concerns.
- Reduce recidivism by improving rehabilitation programmes.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

### • Continental Shelf and Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

- Establishing the institutional and legal framework for a judicious exploration and sustainable exploitation of our natural non-living resources in the maritime zones of the Republic of Mauritius and in the Mauritius/Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf.
- Promoting and conducting multi-disciplinary marine scientific exploration of the seabed and sub-soil including the Continental Shelf for the well-being of our people.
- > Delimitating and mapping our Maritime Zones to safeguard our territorial integrity and sovereignty.

### Probation and Aftercare Service

Use of community-based sentencing and programmes, restorative justice especially with children, multi-agency approach in the rehabilitation of offenders and sensitization campaigns to reduce crime in the community.

### Rehabilitation Youth Centre

To inculcate values and reintegrate these children back in society within the timeframe ordered by Court and providing them with the rehabilitation program that would change them into law abiding citizens through education, vocational training in the utter most respect of each child's religion, race and culture.

#### Mauritius Prison Service

- Reduce reoffending and rehabilitate detainees for re-integration in society through the implementation of best correctional practice and comprehensive rehabilitation programmes as well as enhancing opportunities for vocational and education training.
- Making optimum use of available space and resources in different prisons in order to maximize local production for prison use like vegetable and poultry farming (chicken rearing and egg production).
- To also reduce utility costs by embarking on green solutions and revamping the prison water network which will ultimately contribute to bring down the budget allocation of maintaining a prisoner daily.

### Rodrigues

Support the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to consolidate and accelerate the socioeconomic development of Rodrigues.

### • Outer Islands Development Corporation

Improving sea and air connectivity to Agalega with the construction of a new jetty and airstrip with a view to promoting the sustainable development of the island and improving the standard of living of the Agaleans.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

the Financial Statements ne Rodrigues Subsidy Account the year ended 30 June 2021

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### NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### **Opinion**

I have audited the financial statements of Rodrigues Subsidy Account, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets/equity, statement of cash flow and statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account as at 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report. I am independent of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account in accordance with the INTOSAI Code of Ethics together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Mauritius, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

### **Key Audit Matters**

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, were of most significance in my audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of my audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming my opinion thereon, and I do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

I have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in my report,

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible of overseeing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Rodrigues Subsidy Account to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or, when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

### Management's Responsibilities for Compliance

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, management is also responsible for ensuring that the operations of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in an entity's financial statements.

### Auditor's Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements described above, I am also responsible to report to the Committee whether:

- (a) I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;
- (b) the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are, in all material respects, in compliance with the laws and authorities which govern them; and
- (c) satisfactory management measures have been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.

I performed procedures, including the assessment of the risks of material non-compliance, to obtain audit evidence to discharge the above responsibilities.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

### **Opinion on Compliance**

Finance and Audit Act and Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018

I have obtained all information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

Based on my examination of the records of Rodrigues Subsidy Account, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that:

- (a) the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are, in all material respects, not in compliance with the Finance and Audit Act and the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018; and
- (b) satisfactory management measures have not been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.

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Director of Audit

National Audit Office Level 14, Air Mauritius Centre PORT LOUIS

25 April 2022

### RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2021

### Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021

	Note	<b>30 June 2021</b> Rs	1 July 2020 Rs
Assets		113	179
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	Note 5	449,128,739	360,325,729
Trade receivables	Note 6	28,461,544	66,244,596
Total Assets	-	477,590,283	426,570,325
Current Liabilities			
Trade Payables	Note 8	54,282,654	63,588,292
Provision for cargo handling charges	Note 9	18,000,000	0
Total Liabilities		72,282,654	63,588,292
Net Assets	-	405,307,629	362,982,033
Represented by			
Net Assets/Equity	Note 10	405,307,629	362,982,033

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Mr P.Benee
Rodrigues Subsidy Account
Management Committee
Member

Chairperson

Mrs K.Babajee

Lead Analyst

Date: 18.04.2022

18.04.2022

### Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2021

		30 June 2021
Income		Rs
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Revenue from non-exchange transactions	-Petroleum products	185,872,020
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	-Liquefied Petroleum Gas(LPG)	18,548,704
		204,420,724
		204,420,724
Expenses		
Transportation charges	Note 12	82,635,474
Management fees and other charges		5,826,751
Subsidy	Note 13	29,007,516
Transportation and storage of rice and flou	ur	26,376,242
Provision for cargo handling charges	Note 9	18,000,000
Administrative charges	Note 14	249,145
		162,095,128
Surplus arising on Operations		42,325,596

### Statement of changes in Net Assets/Equity for Year ended 30 June 2021

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 Balance as at 1 July 2020
 362,982,033

 Surplus for the Year
 42,325,596

 Balance as at 30 June 2021
 405,307,629

### Reconciliation Statement following transition to IPSAS

IFRS Balance as at 1 July 2020

Adjustment on adoption of IPSAS

IPSAS balance as at 1 July 2020

362,982,033

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Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021

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Surplus arising on operations	42,325,596
Add adjustment for provision	18,000,000
less decrease in payables	(9,305,637)
	51,019;959
Add decrease in receivables	37,783,051
Net cash flows from operating activities	88,803,010
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2020	360,325,729
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2021	449,128,739

Note: The Rodrigues Subsidy Account (RSA) does not operate any bank accounts. Revenues are remitted to the Accountant General by the State Trading Corporation directly and all payments pertaining to RSA are submitted by the latter to the Accountant General which effects the payment.

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Statement of Budget and Actual amounts for year	ar ended 30 Jun	e 2021	
	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount on a comparative basis	Variance between Budgeted amount and Actual Amount
	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M
Revenue			
Total Levy collections on LPG and Petroleum Products	210	242	(32)
Expenditure			
Rice and flour	34	33	1
Cement	30	24	6
Petroleum and LPG	105	83	22
Administration expenses	0.46	0.24	0.22
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd	22	13	9
Total Expenses	191	153	38
Net	19	89	(70)

### Revenue

The collections from levy on petroleum and LPG products depend on the quantity of products actually imported by the State Trading Corporation and tend to vary from year to year.

### **Expenses**

The budgeted figures for expenses have been inflated by 10 % in order to cater for increase in expenses which could occur during the year. In all cases the actual amounts spent are lower that the budgeted amounts as the expected increase did not actually occur.

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#### **Notes to Accounts**

General Information

### 1. The Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account (RSA) is established under the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018

### 2. The objects of the Account shall be to subsidise:

- (a) all the costs involved in transporting, storing and distributing petroleum products, ration rice and flour supplied by the State Trading Corporation so that the retail prices in Rodrigues are kept at par with their respective retail prices prevailing in Mauritius;
- (b) such costs for the supply of bagged cement to Rodrigues as may be decided by the Government.

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account's principal place business is 6th floor ,Government Centre c/o Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division). It also benefits from a rent free building and free use of utilities from the Ministry.

### 3. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accountings Standards (IPSAS) in compliance with the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Regulations). The date of adoption of Accrual IPSAS is 1 July 2020. The RSA has opted for a full compliance with IPSAS and has not taken any exemptions that affects the fair presentation and compliance with IPSAS.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

### Trade receivables

Trade receivables do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

### Trade payables

Trade payables are not interest bearing and are stated at their nominal value.

These include all expenses incurred in the transportation of petroleum products, LPG products, ration rice and flour to Rodrigues. They also include subsidy on cement exported to Rodrigues.





### Presentational currency

The presentational currency is in Mauritian Rupee and rounding up is to the nearest rupee.

### 4. Presentation of Comparative information

The RSA has elected to avail the exemption from the requirement of IPSAS1 Presentation of Financial Statements to present without comparative information following the adoption of accrual basis IPSAS. The RSA has presented the accrual basis IPSAS financial statements for the reporting period 30 June 2021 along with the opening statement of financial statements as at the transition date 1.e 1 July 2020, without any comparative information for year 2019-20.

### 5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

30 June 2021

Rodrigues Subsidy Account

449,128,739

Note: The RSA does not operate any bank accounts. Revenues are remitted to the Accountant General by the State Trading Corporation directly and all payments pertaining to RSA are submitted by the latter to the Accountant General who makes the payment.

30 June 2021

### 6. Trade receivables

State Trading Corporation-Petroleum products 25,569,404

State Trading Corporation-Liquefied Petroleum Gas 2,892,140

28,461,544

### 7. Contingent asset

The RSA has claimed for a refund of Rs 5,737,002 from AEL DDS representing refund of expenses involved in the transportation of 50 kg LPG cylinders to and from Rodrigues for period 2014 to 2019. The outcome of this claim has not been finalised yet.

30 June 2021

### 8. Trade Payables

Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd	15,523,148
Velogic Haulage Services Ltd	493,264
Rogers Shipping Ltd	316,250
AEL DDS Ltd	966,120
Accounting fees	10,000
State Trading Corporation	13,791,245
Lafarge (Mauritius) Cement) Ltd	2,936;640
Kolos Cement Ltd	2,757,660
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd	17,368,327
Audit fees	120,000
	54,282,654

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#### ಶ. Provision

A provision of Rs 18 M has been made for cargo handling charges for year 2021 for which no invoice has been received but for which payment is probable.

### 10. Net Assets/Equity

30 June 2021

Accumulated Fund at 1 July 2020

362,982,033

Surplus for period

42,325,596

Net Assets/ Equity at 30 June 2021

405,307,629

### 11. Related Party Transaction

The Managing Committee members of the RSA comprise public officers who also form part of the management of the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity). These parties are considered to be related as they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the RSA or exercise significant influence over the financial and operating decision making, or vice versa.

12. Transportation charges	30 June 2021
Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd- Freight and other shipping charges	77,577,688
Transportation of containers/tanktainers- Mauritius	2,918,787
Transportation of containers/tanktainers -Rodrigues	2,139,000
	82,635,474

Note: The Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd submits monthly invoices for freight and other charges incurred in the transportation of petroleum products. It also hires the services of Cargo handling Corporation Ltd (CHCL) for handling of containers/tanktainers at a previously subsidised rate of Rs 963 per unit. CHCL claims the full handling charges at year end for a period of 1 year. The latter is paid the difference between the international rate charged and Rs 963 for each unit, on a yearly period.

13. Subsidies on cement	30 June 2021
Lafarge -Subsidy on cement	7,372,512
Kolos- Subsidy on cement	13,715,964
Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd -subsidy on freight icw cement	7,919,040 <b>29,007,516</b>



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# 14. Administrative charges 30 June 2021 Fees and allowance 187,015 Audit fees 60,000 Bank and other charges 2,130 249,145

### 15 Currency risk and Interest rate risk

Currency risk -RSA is not exposed to any currency risk and it does not make any payments in foreign currency.

Interest rate risk- RSA is not exposed to any interest rate risk.

#### 16. Credit risk

The receivables of the RSA consist of amount of levy collected by State Trading Corporation (STC) and remitted to RSA. The remission of the levy to the RSA is done on a regular basis and as the STC is a trading arm of the Government of Mauritius any credit risk associated to it is considered to be low.

### 17. Key Management Personnel

The key personnel of the RSA includes the Deputy Permanent Secretary, the Assistant Permanent Secretary from the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity) and the Accountant from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development Planning.

The aggregate remuneration of key management personnel for the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands Territorial Integrity) was Rs 36,360 as per the provision of the Pay Research Bureau and Rs 92,616 for the Accountant for the financial year ended 30 June 2021. Moreover, an amount of Rs 5,000 is payable to the Accountant for the preparation of financial statements.

### 18. New Standards and Interpretations

New standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretation issued and effective for the first time for the financial year beginning on 01 July 2020.

In the current year the RSA has assessed all the new standards ,amendments to existing standards and interpretations issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board for accounting periods beginning on 01 July 2020. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the RSA.

New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but effective for the financial year beginning after 01 July 2020

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for annual periods beginning after 01 July 2020. None of these had a significant effect on the financial statements of the RSA

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